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N.J. BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Administrative Action

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

THOMAS F. ZINS, R.N. LICENSE # NR 12474300

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing upon the filing of an Interim Order on February 7, 2011, whereby respondent voluntarily surrendered his nursing license until further order of the Board. The Board had been advised that respondent, while employed as a nurse at Overlook Hospital, was terminated by that facility following credible allegations that

on one occasion respondent accessed pornography from a computer at the facility.

The Board finds that these allegations, if proven, would constitute professional misconduct within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). Inasmuch as the parties desire to resolve this matter without further proceedings and without admissions, and for other good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 27 DAY OF September, 2013, Ke HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall hereby voluntarily surrender his nursing license, which surrender shall now be deemed a revocation.
- 2. The Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement from respondent unless or until respondent is able to demonstrate that he is fit and competent to resume nursing practice by undergoing a psychological evaluation by a mental health professional approved by the Board who recommends or finds that respondent is fit to practice, and indicates whether any limitations or conditions ought to be placed upon respondent's nursing practice.
- 3. Upon application for reinstatement, and following the provision of the report required under paragraph #2 supra, respondent shall appear before the Board or a committee thereof if so-requested and respond to questions.

4. This order is entered without any admission of any wrongdoing by Respondent and without prejudice to any further investigation or prosecution of any matter by the Board of Nursing and the Attorney General against Respondent.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD,

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Thomas F. Zins,

Consent as to form and entry:

Shannon M. Rvan, Esc.